REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

According to the Advisory Action of June 9, 2004, "A suggested limitation to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art is – wherein at least one of the annular projections has a continuous wavelike or zig-zag shape along the circumference of the thermal roll...." Claims 1 and 2 have therefore been so amended.

The amended claims are therefore believed to be allowable, and so a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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